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SUBJ: UNSSOD PREPCOM IV: PREPCOM AND BARTON GROUP MEETINGS, 2/15-16

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1. SUMMARY: AT FEB 15 MEETING, PREPCOM HAD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION OF UK PROPOSAL FOR GREATER NGO PARTICIPATION IN SSOD. ON FEB 16 BARTON GROUP DISCUSSED PROSPECTS FOR DRAFTING A DOCUMENT ON MACHINERY AT CURRENT PREPCOM AND FOR DRAFTING A REPORT TO THE SSOD AT NEXT PREPCOM. PREPCOM DRAFTING GROUP DEVELOPED A WORKING FRAMEWORK FOR THE SSOD PROGRAM OF ACTION AND BEGAN ACTUAL DRAFTING AT ITS INITIAL MEETINGS ON FEB 15-16. END SUMMARY.
2. PREPCOM, FEB 15. PREPCOM AT FEB 15 MEETING DISCUSSED EARLIER UK PROPOSAL FOR GREATER PARTICIPATION BY NGOS AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES AT THE SSOD. AUSTRALIAN REP (HARRY)
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SPOKE IN FAVOR OF PRESENTATIONS BY NGOS BEFORE A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RATHER THAN THE SSOD PROPER. SWEDISH REP (THORSSON) WELCOMED THE UK PROPOSALS AND DESCRIBED THE AUSTRALIAN ALTERNATIVE AS THE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE. USREP (WEILER) NOTED THE CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE NGOS AND US RESEARCH INSTITUTES. HE SUGGESTED THE PROPOSALS BE GIVEN FURTHER STUDY IN

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ORDER TO DEVELOP A CONSENSUS. GDR REP EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT THE PROPREITY OF PARTICIPATION OF RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND INDICATED THAT THE PREPCOM SHOULD SOLICIT THE VIEWS OF THE NGO ORGANIZATIONS IN GENEVA. YUGOSLAV REP STATED THAT THE PREPCOM SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON THE BEST WAY TO PROVIDE A HEARING FOR THE NGOS. THE CHAIR-MAN INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT DELEGATIONS AND ATTEMPT TO FIND A CONSENSUS PROVIDING FOR ENLARGED OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NGOS.

3. BARTON GROUP, FEB 16. NORWEGIAN REP (VAERNO) REPORTED THAT THE CHAIRMAN HAD AGREED TO HIS SUGGESTION TO BEGIN DRAFTING ON MACHINERY AT FOURTH PREPCOM AND DECIDED TO HAVE SECRETARIAT PUBLISH A TABULATION OF PROPOSALS ON MACHINERY ON FEB 17. HOWEVER, ORTIZ BELIEVES THAT EVEN IF INITIAL DOCUMENT ON MACHINERY IS PREPARED AT CURRENT PREPCOM, TIME ALLOCATED FOR PREPCOM V WAS INSUFFI-CIENT IN VIEW OF NEED TO PRAPRE A REPORT TO THE SSOD. BARTON GROUP AGREED THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER IF NEXT PREPCOM COULD BE CONFINED TO THE AGREED DATES, BUT THAT WE SHOULD NOT RESIST BEGINNING A WEEK EARLIER IF OTHER STATES FELT THIS WAS NECESSARY. IT WAS GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT PREPARATION OF THE REPORT FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION MIGHT TAKE A LOT OF TIME.

4. PROGRESS ON PROGRAM OF ACTION. UKREP (KENYON) REPORTED THAT AT ITS INITIAL MEETING (FEB 15), SMALL DRAFTING GROUP HAD ADOPTED FOLLOWING FRAMEWORK FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKING PURPOSES: QTE
I OBJECTIVES/GCD
II PRIORITIES
III IMMEDIATE AND SHORT-TERM MEASURES TO HALT AND REVERSE THE ARMS RACE
IV OTHER MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND TO BUILD CONFIDENCE
V DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT
VI STUDIES AND INFORMATION
VII COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAMME FOR DISARMAMENT
VIII GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION UNQTE

5. IN A SHORT DISCUSSION ON DISARMAMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, USREP SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW NON-ALIGNED WOULD INSIST THAT LANGUAGE BE INCLUDED IN PROGRAM OF ACTION IN ADDITION TO SIMPLY A CALL FOR A STUDY, AND SUGGESTED THAT WESTERN CAPI-TALS CONSIDER CAREFULLY WHAT LANGUAGE THEY COULD ACCEPT.

6. AT FEB 16 A.M. MEETING, SMALL DRAFTING GROUP ON PROGRAM OF ACTION HAD INTIAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. USREP STRESSED NEED FOR REALISM, NOTING THAT SSOD SHOULD PROVIDE IMPETUS TO ARMS CONTROL AND SIARMAMENT NEGO-TIATIONS, BUT COULD NOT BE EXPECTED ACTUALLY TO NEGO-TIATE AGREEMENTS, IN SOME CASES HE CONTINUED, MEASURES

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LISTED IN PROGRAMS OF ACTION REPRESENTED ONE OR ANOTHER
POSSIBLE OUTCOME OF A NEGOTIATION. UK (ASHE) ENDORSE
THESE COMMENTS. USSR REP (STACHEVSKY) AGREED WITH US
COMMENTS AND STATED OBJECTIVE OF SSOD WAS TO DEFINE
APPROACHES TO ARMS CONTROL AND SIARMAMENT WO WHICH ALL
GOVERNMENTS COULD AGREE. IN CONTRAST, PAKISTANI AND
NIGERIAN DELS ARGUED THAT ACTUAL DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS
SHOULD EMERGE FROM SSOD. MEXICAN DEL (GARCIA ROBLES)
CONCLUDED THIS DISCUSSION BY SAYING THAT SSOD SHOULD
DEFINE CONCRETE ARMS CONTROL AND DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS,
THE CONCLUSION OF WHICH COULD REALISTICALLY BE EXPECTED
IN THE NEXT TWO OR THREE YEARS. WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT
EVERY EFFORT TO REACH CONSENSUS SHOULD BE MADE, GARCIA
ROBLES NOTED THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY VOTING PROCEDURES
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COULD IN FACT BE USED AT SSOD IF NECESSARY.

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